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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 13 November 2018

Asked by ELIZABETH LEE MLA:

In relation to: Contract for veterinary services at Tidbinbilla

MS LEE: Thank you, Chair. I have a few questions on some of the other contracts, I am just at page 237. There is one entry there that has—hold on, I am just trying to think. One, two, three, four, five—sixth one down on that page, 237. For veterinary services in Tidbinbilla of \$140,000 from 8 March to 19 March. I am just wondering how was that service selected and, also, what was the need for that particular item if there is a permanent bed centre at Stromlo Veterinary Services?

Mr Walker: So, yes, we do have permanent beds within EPSDD including the chief vet. The services that are provided at Tidbinbilla relate to, primarily, health checks of threatened species. So there are routine health checks that are undertaken.

The resources there would relate to additional needs. Where the services were not available at a particular time, and or where threatened species programs dictate a requirement to undertake additional work. To give you the specifics I will, again, take that on notice and come back with some specifics.

MS LEE: Sure. Okay, no worries. And how was the contractor selected was that like—so it says quotations here, how many quotations would you have received.

Mr Walker: So I will take that on notice, thank you.

MINISTER GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Vet services are required at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve to provide health checks for threatened species breeding programs including the brush-tailed rock wallaby and northern corroboree frog along with the Reserve's population of koalas and southern brown bandicoots. The veterinary services provided also include oversight of disease management and monitoring for the threatened species programs.

2. Quotations were sought from 3 suppliers to provide these services.

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By the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Mick Gentleman MLA